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		Title DRILLING FLUIDS CONTAINING AN ALKALI METAL FORMATE
		Express Mail Label No. EV074199385US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
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10. English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
12. Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

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